January 3, 1929

Dear Mrs. Catt,

I understand that you are to have a birthday next week and as I am unable to be present at your party, I want at least to send you these few lines conveying my greetings and good wishes.
It is inspiring to know that you who have worked so valiantly and well for suffrage for women should now be turning your energies to the outstanding task of our time—the freeing of the world from the curse of war and armament. I rejoice to
have some little share in this work with you and I hope that you may be given yet many years to carry on and see the fulfillment of the noble tasks to which you have set your hand.

Yours sincerely

John Nevin Sayre
December 26, 1928.

Miss Rosa Manus
120 Paine Avenue
New Rochelle, N. Y.

My dear Miss Manus:

Your card of December 18th is at hand. I wish it were possible for me to come to Mrs. Catt's birthday party but unfortunately I will not be able to do so. If you think it worth while I will be glad to have you read the following greeting:

"It is a source of deep regret that I cannot be present in person and join in the congratulations and felicitations to Mrs. Catt on her seventieth birthday. I doubt if any woman of this generation has rendered more valiant and effective service to humanity than the woman being honored on this occasion. The people of the United States and of the world are deeply in her debt. I shall hope to be present in person three decades from now when she reaches the century mark."

Cordially yours,

Kirby Page

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Greetings presented by
Justine L. Wilson (Mrs. Halsey W. Wilson)
for the
Women's University Club
Pan Hellenic Club
Phi Beta Kappa Alumnae

"Dear Mrs. Catt, three groups of college women greet you upon
this occasion of your seventieth anniversary and send best wishes
for many years of good health and continued public service.

There are many reasons why college people are grateful
to you and honor you. In your work of reform you have unfailingly
upheld the best ideals of scholarship and have made them practical
and serviceable. Your patient appeal to the intelligence rather
than the prejudices of opponents, your mastery of English and
your splendid diction have heartened colleges in this era of the
'mucker pose'.

So, today, the Women's university Club, the Pan-Hellenic
Club and the Phi Beta Kappa Alumnae Association are proud to join
the host of your friends who, present or absent, are celebrating
your birthday."
To Mrs Carrie Chapman Catt,

We send our heartiest wishes of luck to our dear honorary president of the Y.W.S.F. on her 70th birthday, with respectful gratitude for her great work for the enfranchisement and development of the women of the world. We sincerely wish that we may be able to get the benefit of her activity and leadership.

We pray to God that she may be granted many happy years of undiminished strength and health.

"The fame of those who deserve it will never die."
(From the ancient Hávamál of the Icelandic Edda.)
Greetings presented by Mrs. F. Louis Slade for the Women's City Club of New York

"The members of the Women's City Club greet you on your birthday and want you to know that they are numbered among that vast throng of women throughout the world whose hearts are turning to you today in love and gratitude.

As you look at the milestone you have reached with three score years and ten inscribed upon it, and then glance back along the road you have traveled, you must be conscious of a great task well and nobly performed.

Women everywhere are living fuller, more useful, more self-respecting and more interesting lives because of your brave and tireless work in their behalf.

The Women's City Club offers you the congratulations of all its members and wishes for you good health and the enduring happiness which comes from a life consecrated to the advancement of Peace and Freedom."

(Signed) Ethel E. Dreier, President.
Greetings presented by Rose Schneiderman for the National Women's Trade Union League

"Mrs. Catt, as the President of the National Women's Trade Union League, I am delighted to be here to greet you on behalf of the many thousands of working women. The working women are not always articulate. They cannot say what they feel, but I know that in their hearts they have deep affection for you and they will realize more and more, as they go on, the part you played and the work you did in order that they might be politically enfranchised. You have placed in the hands of women the weapon which I hope we are going to use for the betterment of mankind as a whole.

I want to say, also, a word of appreciation of the job you have on your hands now; that is, to bring peace to the world. We admire your devotion to the cause and hope you will go on fighting for it until the end."
Greetings presented by Mrs. Raymond Brown for the International Women

"The International Women have not the pleasure of being here to present a living token of their affection in the tree that was planted here this morning. I am sure that if they were here, they would want to say that there is no woman in the whole wide world so well known as you, no one so much respected for her ability, so revered for her work, and so beloved just because she is herself. But no matter what the women over there think of you, none of them can know as we do, who have worked so long beside you, your great unselfishness, your constant thought for everyone who works with you, your courage that never falters, your sense of humor that lightens every task, and your loving, tender heart.

I have been asked to present this plaque for the tree, and I hope you will see it grow large and sturdy and that it will always watch over you and your household."
"Knowing that I was going to be here, I brought an extract of a letter which Mrs. Catt wrote me twenty-five years ago. Once, when we were preparing press notices, I wrote to ask her for biographical material. She replied: 'I hardly know what to tell you about myself for use in the papers. I do not think there is much to say about me except that I have given my life to the suffrage work and that I have performed all the various obligations which an enlistment in the Cause puts upon one. I have opened the doors of churches and halls and lighted the kerosene lamps; attended the babies while the meeting was in progress; made the speech; taken the collection; pronounced the benediction; organized the Club or Committee, etc., etc., and have held all the offices imaginable from Club President up and down and sidewise. As I look back upon it, this seems to be a record of annual and even weekly drudgery, doing each day what the cause seemed to demand of me, but I do not perceive in that record any glorious heroism or headlines to attract public attention. If you find any, it will be due to your imagination.'

You are the greatest chief we have ever known."
Greetings of Miss Belle Sherwin for the League of Women Voters.

"My dear Mrs. Catt, I am very happy to be here to speak for the League of Women Voters. The League is your daughter whom, in your great wisdom, you plunged into a sea of opportunity and told to learn to swim. Not that you were then unmindful of her. No one knows better than I that you had the thought of a mother for her, and that when making a landing was most difficult, you sent out a cheering cry of comprehension which helped the swimmer to get to shore.

The League would like to bring records of great accomplishment to you today. There are such here and there in the country, - samples of performances which can be multiplied. But better than such records, though less showy, I bring you for the League the certainty that there is a new fiber of citizenship in the country due to the work of the League of Women Voters, your daughter. Already we think it is a 'monument more lasting than brass' because we see it is a lively process.

Again and Again the League quotes your words on the day the League was born, 'What should be done, can be done; what can be done, let us do.'

I have come to tell you that the League is so doing today all over the land, thus consciously or unconsciously blessed by you."
Greetings presented by Ella Boole
for the
National Women's Christian Temperance Union

"On behalf of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which has a membership of 600,000, I want to bring to you today our thanks that through your leadership the vote to women has been granted. You have been and still are a great leader among women. You have guided the suffrage movement until victory came; you have guided the readjustment of women so that they might become intelligent citizens; you are still guiding women in their activities for the prevention of war, and we hope you will continue to guide them until the nations have a constructive policy to prepare for peace just as in the past years they have had a constructive policy to prepare for war.

The National Women's Christian Temperance Union wishes you many happy returns of the day and continued activity in the many great causes in which you are interested."
Greetings presented by Lena Ladesin Phillips
for the
National Federation of Business and Professional
Women's Clubs

"If I were quite frank, I would say that I represent the
youngest of all organizations. I am very proud and happy to
try to express to you some appreciation felt by the Business and
Professional Women. Because we are very young in organization
and experience, perhaps you have not known us as a group as well
as we have individually known you. I would like you to know that
to this group, as well as to other organizations, you have been
a constant inspiration. We want to thank you for the honest
and fearless leadership you have given to women; we want to thank
you for your courage, vision and many sterling qualities. We
hope that the succeeding years may bring you happiness and peace
in ever increasing abundance. Many happy returns and deep apprecia-
tion on the part of the National Federation of Business and
Professional Women's Clubs."